AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 1, line 24 of the substitute specification filed June 24, 2004 as follows:

In order to realize the "contingency," various methods have been adopted. Recently, a control method called "pre-determination," in which a software-based winning lottery is executed using a microcomputer and the reels are then controlled to stop based on the result of the lottery, is mainly adopted in slot machines. For example, the slot machine described in Japanese Published Examined Patent Application No. H7-2313 H3-72313 is a so-called pachi-slot gaming machine with stop buttons. This pachi-slot gaming machine comprises random number sampling means, which samples a random number based on a start lever operation by the player, and a winning probability table, which is divided into the respective random number ranges of "big hit," "mid hit," and "small hit" in accordance with the ranks of winning combinations, and when a sampled random number falls within a winning region of the winning probability table, the gaming machine determines that the corresponding winning combination is won and sets the hit (winning) flag of this winning combination. These winning flags include the winning flag of the winning combination called the "small winning combination," which is generated when matching predetermined symbols (e.g., the "bell" or "cherry" symbol) line up along an activated pay line and by which about ten coins are paid out, and the winning flag of the winning combination called a "winning combination for a bonus game," which is generated when matching predetermined symbols (e.g., "7" or "BAR" symbol) line up and by which a state, wherein a winning is more easily generated than normal gaming states, is entered for a predetermined number of times of gaming and the payout of about 100 to 400 coins can be received.